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**telepho-ny** (tə lēfō' nē) *n.* 1 the science of telephonic transmission 2 the making or operation of telephones

**Tele-photo** (tel' fōtō') *trademark for a TELEPHOTOGRAPH* (sense 2) or a system of telephotography *adj.* [t-] 1 TELEPHOTOGRAPHIC 2 designating or of a compound camera lens that produces a large image of a distant object

**tele-photo-graph** (tel' fōtō graf') *n.* 1 a photograph taken with a telephoto lens 2 a photograph transmitted by telephotography *—vt., vi.* 1 to take (photographs) with a telephoto lens 2 to transmit (photographs) by telephotography

**tele-pho-tog-ra-phy** (tel' fōtō tāg'rä fe) *n.* 1 the art or process of photographing distant objects by using a telephoto lens 2 the science or process of transmitting photographs over distances by converting light rays into electric signals which are sent over wire or radio channels; the receiver converts the electric signals back into light rays to which a photographic film is exposed —**tele-pho-graphic** (-fōtō graf'ik) *adj.*

\***tele-play** (tel' pley) *n.* a play or screenplay written for, or produced on, television

**tele-por-ta-tion** (tel' pōr tāshən) *n.* [TELE- + (TRANS)PORTATION] the theoretical transportation of matter through space by converting it into energy and then reconverting it at the terminal point —**tele-port** *vt.*

**tele-printer** (tel' print'ər) *n.* TELETYPEWRITER

**tele-proc-ess-ing** (-präs'ës īj) *n.* data processing with computer terminals, over communication lines

\***tele-promp-ter** (tel' prämpt'ər) *n.* [*< TelePromTer*, a former trademark] an electronic device that, unseen by the audience, scrolls a prepared speech, script, etc. line by line, as a prompting aid to a speaker or actor on television

\***tele-ran** (tel' ā ran') *n.* [*tele(vision) r(adar) a(ir) n(avigation)*] an electronic aid to aerial navigation by which data received by radar, maps of the terrain, etc. are transmitted to aircraft by television

**tele-scope** (tel' ā skōp') *n.* [It *telescopio* (coined by GALILEO, 1611) < ModL *telescopium* < Gr *teleskopos*, seeing from a distance: see TELE- & -SCOPE] an optical instrument for making distant objects, as the stars, appear nearer and consequently larger; it consists of two or more lenses or mirrors —**adj.** having parts that slide one inside another —**vi.** -scop-ed', -scop-ing to slide or be forced one into another like the concentric tubes of a small, collapsible telescope —**vt.** 1 to cause to telescope 2 to condense; shorten, as by combining parts, compressing, etc.

**tele-scop-ic** (tel' ā skāp'ik) *adj.* 1 of a telescope or telescopes 2 seen or obtained by a telescope 3 visible only with the aid of a telescope 4 having distant vision: said esp. of a sight or lens that apparently enlarges distant objects 5 having sections that slide one inside another [a *telescopic* drinking tumbler] Also **tel'e-scopi-cal** —**tel'e-scop'i-cally** *adv.*

**Tele-sco-pi-um** (tel' ā skōp'ē am) *n.* a S constellation between Sagittarius and Pavo

**te-les-copy** (te les'kā pē) *n.* the art or practice of using a telescope —**te-les'-co-pist** *n.*

\***tel-e-sis** (tel' ā sis) *n.* [ModL < Gr *telein*, to fulfill, complete < *telos*, an end: see TELO-<sup>2</sup>] the purposeful use of natural and social forces; planned progress

**tele-spec-tro-scope** (tel' ā spek'trō skōp') *n.* an instrument combining a telescope and a spectroscope, for producing the spectra of stars

**tel-es-the-sia** (tel' ā thē'zha, -zē ə) *n.* [ModL: see TELE- & ESTHESIA] Parapsychology extrasensory perception of distant objects, events, etc. —**tel-es-the-tic** (-thēt'ik) *adj.*

**te-les-tich** or **te-les-tic** (te les' tik, tel' ā stik') *n.* [*< Gr telos*, an end (see TELO-<sup>2</sup>) + *stichos*, a line (see STICH)] modeled on ACROSTIC] an acrostic in which the last letters of the lines spell a word or words when taken in order

**tele-text** (tel' ā tekst') *n.* a communications service in which information, as news, is superimposed onto a television signal and broadcast to home television sets

\***tele-thon** (tel' ā than') *n.* [TELE(VISION) + (MARA)THON] a campaign, as on a lengthy telecast, seeking support for a cause, as by pledged donations made by telephone

\***Tele-type** (tel' ā tip') *trademark for a former kind of telegraphic apparatus that printed messages typed on the keyboard of the transmitter*

\***tele-type-writer** (tel' ā tip'rīt'ər) *n.* a form of telegraph in which the receiver prints messages typed on the keyboard (like that of a typewriter) of the transmitter; the striking of the keys produces electrical impulses that activate the corresponding keys on the receiver

**te-le-to-spore** (te lōtō' spōr') *n.* [*< Gr teleutē*, completion, end < *telos*, end (see TELO-<sup>2</sup>) + SPORE] TELIOSPORE —**te-leu-to-spor'ic** *adj.*

\***tel-evan-gelist** (tel' ā van'jē list) *n.* a minister who uses TV broadcasts or cablecasts to spread an evangelistic message, solicit donations, etc. —**tel-evan'gelism'** (-liz'm) *n.*

**tele-vise** (tel' ā viz') *vt., vi.* --**vised**', -**vis-ing** to put (something) on, or transmit (something) by, television —**tele-vi'sor** *n.*

**tele-vi-sion** (tel' ā vizh'ən) *n.* [TELE- + VISION] 1 the practice or science of transmitting scenes or views by radio or, sometimes, by

wire: the television transmitter, by means of a camera tube, such as an image orthicon or vidicon, converts light rays into electric signals for modulation upon a radio carrier wave or for transmission over wires; the television receiver reconverts the signals into electron beams that are projected against the fluorescent screen of the kinescope, or picture tube, reproducing the original image 2 a) broadcasting by television as an industry, entertainment, art, etc. b) all the facilities and related activities of such broadcasting 3 a television receiving set 4 a television program or programs they watched television last night —**adj.** of, using, used in, or sent by television —**tele-vi'sional** *adj.* —**tele-vi'sion-ally** *adv.*

**tele-vis-u-al** (tel' ā vizh'ū əl) *adj.* of or having to do with television, esp. the visual aspect of a television program or broadcast

**tele-ex** (tel' ā eks') *n.* [TEL(ETYPEWRITER) + EX(CHANGE)] 1 a teletypewriter using a telephone dial to establish connections 2 a message sent in this way —**vt.** to send (a message) by telex

**te-lial** (tel' ā ēl, tel' āl) *adj.* 1 of a telium 2 designating or of the final stage in the life cycle of the rust fungi

**te-lie** (tel' ālik, tel' ālik) *adj.* [Gr *telikos* < *telos*, an end: see TELO-<sup>2</sup>] 1 directed toward an end; purposeful 2 *Linguis*. PERFECTIVE Opposed to ATELIC

**te-li-o-spore** (tel' ā lō spōr, tel' ā lō spōr') *n.* [*< fol. + SPORE*] a thick-walled resting spore that develops in late summer during the telial stage of the rust fungi and germinates the next spring —**te-li-o-sporic** *adj.*

**te-li-um** (tel' ā ūm, tel' ā ūm) *n., pl. -lia (-ē)* [ModL < Gr *teleios*, complete < Gr *telos*, an end: see TELO-<sup>2</sup>] the teliospore-bearing sorus of the rust fungi

**tel<sup>1</sup>** (tel) *vt. told, tell-ing* [ME *tellen* < OE *tellan*, lit., to calculate, reckon < Gmc \**taljan* > Ger *zählen*, number: see TALE] 1 to enumerate; count; reckon [to tell time] 2 to give an account of (a story, etc.) in speech or writing 3 to express in words; utter; say [to tell the truth] 4 to report; announce; publish 5 to reveal; disclose; make known [a smile that told her joy] 6 to recognize; distinguish; discriminate [unable to tell one from the other] 7 to decide; know [one can't tell what will happen] 8 to let know; inform; acquaint [tell me about the game] 9 to request; direct; order; command [tell him to leave] 10 to state emphatically to [it's there, I tell you] —**vi.** 1 to give an account or description (of something) 2 to give evidence or be an indication (of something) 3 to carry tales; reveal secrets [to kiss and tell] 4 to produce a result; be effective; have a marked effect [efforts that are beginning to tell] —**SYN.** REVEAL<sup>1</sup> —**\*do tell!** [Informal] is that a fact? often used sarcastically —**tel off** 1 to count (persons, etc.) and separate them from the total number 2 [Informal] to rebuke severely —**tell on** 1 to have a marked, usually adverse, effect on 2 [Informal] to inform against or gossip about

**tel<sup>2</sup>** (tel) *n.* [Ar *tall*, a mound] Archaeol. esp. in the Middle East, a large mound or hill, built up gradually, covering the successive remains of ancient communities

**Tell** (tel), **William** see WILLIAM TELL

**tell-able** (tel' ā bel) *adj.* 1 that can be told 2 worth being told

**tell-all** (tel' āl) *adj.* designating or of a book, magazine article, interview, etc., esp. an autobiographical one, that reveals personal, often scandalous, information

**teller** (tel' ār) *n.* 1 a person who tells (a story, etc.); narrator; recounter 2 a person who counts; specif., a) one who counts votes, as in a legislative body b) a bank clerk who pays out or receives money

**Tel'er** (tel' ār), **Edward** 1908- ; U.S. nuclear physicist, born in Hungary

**tell-ing** (tel' ā īj) *adj.* 1 having an effect; forceful; striking [a telling retort] 2 that tells or reveals much —**tel' ā īngly** *adv.*

**tell-tale** (tel' ā täl') *n.* 1 a person who tells secrets or informs; tale-bearer; tattler 2 an outward indication of something secret 3 any of various devices for indicating or recording information; indicator; specif., a) a row of dangling ropes, etc. hung over a railroad track to warn trainmen, riding on top of a car, of an approaching low bridge, tunnel, etc. b) a device indicating the position of a ship's rudder c) a time clock d) a gauge on a pipe organ showing the air pressure —**adj.** revealing or indicating that which is hidden or meant to be secret [the telltale smell of alcohol on his breath]

**tel-lu-ri-an** (tel' ā lōrē ən, ts-) *adj.* [*< L *tellus*, gen. *telluris**, the earth (< IE base \**telo*-, flat surface > THILL, DEAL<sup>3</sup>) + -AN<sup>1</sup>] of the earth; terrestrial —**n.** 1 an inhabitant of the earth 2 an apparatus for demonstrating how the earth's position and movement (diurnal rotation, annual revolution, etc.) cause day and night and the cycle of the seasons: also **tel-lu'ri-on** (-ān', -ən)

**tel-lu-ric<sup>1</sup>** (te loor'ik, ts-) *adj.* of, derived from, or containing tellurium, esp. in a higher valence than in the corresponding tellurous compounds

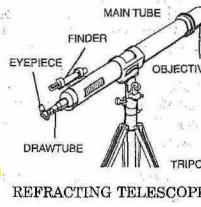
**tel-lu-ric<sup>2</sup>** (te loor'ik, ts-) *adj.* 1 terrestrial; tellurian 2 of or arising from the earth, or soil

**tel-lu-ric acid** a heavy, white, crystalline acid, H<sub>2</sub>TeO<sub>4</sub>

**tel-lu-ride** (tel' yōō rid', -yo-) *n.* a compound of tellurium combined with an electropositive element or with a radical

**tel-lu-rite** (tel' yōō rit', -yo-) *n.* 1 a salt of tellurous acid 2 native tellurium dioxide, TeO<sub>2</sub>

**tel-lu-rium** (tel' yōō ūm, ts-) *n.* [ModL: coined (1798) by M. H. Klaproth (1743-1817), Ger chemist, for element discovered (1783) by F. J. M. von Reichenstein, Austrian mineralogist < L *tellus*, earth (see TELLURIAN) + -IUM, in contrast to URANIUM] a rare, tin-white, brittle, nonmetallic chemical element, belonging to the same family of elements as sulfur and selenium and occurring naturally in mineral tellurite and tellurides: it is used as a glass tint, as an alloying material, and in thermoelectric converters: symbol, Te; at.



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